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1. MY CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT MARCOS CONCERNING STATEMENTS MADE BY PHILIPPINE OFFICIALS CONCERNING MILITARY BASES (REF B) HAD SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO SPEECH BY COLLANTES. MARCOS TOLD ME HE HAD SPOKEN TO COLLANTES AND TOLD HIM TO KNOCK IT OFF.

2. ALL MANILA DAILIES TODAY CARRY INTERESTING COUNTERPOINT TO COLLANTES' SPEECH. FRONT PAGE ARTICLE APPEARING IN ALL PAPERS INDICATES THAT THERE ARE NO MORE AMERICAN MILITARY BASES IN THE PHILIPPINES; THAT WITHOUT MUCH FANFARE, PRESIDENT FORD AND PRESIDENT MARCOS HAVE AGREED THAT THE MILITARY INSTALLATIONS USED BY US FORCES WILL HENCEFORTH BE KNOWN AS PHILIPPINE BASES. ARTICLE FURTHER NOTES THAT WITH SOVEREIGNTY ISSUE OUT OF THE WAY, IT REMAINS FOR PHILIPPINE AND AMERICAN NEGOTIATORS TO HAMMER OUT AGREEMENT ON SUCH SPECIFIC ISSUES AS "LEASE PERIOD, POSSIBLE RENTAL TERMS AND PROBABLE REDUCTION OF THE BASE AREAS."

3. WE WILL ONLY KNOW REAL GOP INTENTIONS WHEN
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NEGOTIATIONS PROCEED. GIVEN FILIPINO PENCHANT FOR

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HYPERBOLE, WE MUST EVEN EXPECT THAT THEIR "COUNTERPROPOSALS"
WILL BE EXTORTIONATE. PATIENCE MUST NEEDS BE THE
HANDMAIDEN OF VIRTUE, AND WASHINGTON CAN "DEPEND ON
EMBASSY TO SCRUTINIZE" TRANSGRESSIONS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS
WITH COMSTOCKIAN VIGILIANCE.
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